

## Updates for the week of September 27th, 2004

### Tools

📅 On October 13, 2004 3:30-5pm, There will be a special lecture offered by The Honorable Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, US Department of Agriculture on the topic of, "Child Nutrition -What the USDA Can Do". It will be held at the University of Washington, T-639 Health Sciences Center. For more information contact Holly Weese at 206-685-6643.

📅 The United States Environmental Protection Agency recently released a solicitation for building capacity in the area of Children's Environmental Health. For the complete information on this document, visit: [www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA](http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA).

📅 American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIANs) still have lower life expectancies, less health coverage, and poorer access to care than most other Americans. For more information check out: [www.cmwf.org/publications/publications\\_show.htm](http://www.cmwf.org/publications/publications_show.htm)

📅 The link below provides policy information, resources, and references related to Steps Areas.

Visit: [www.healthpolicyguide.org/default.asp](http://www.healthpolicyguide.org/default.asp)

📅 The October issue of *Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD)* is now available! Visit: [www.cdc.gov/pcd](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd).

### Training

📅 The Tobacco Technical Assistance Consortium has been providing primers on evaluation and analysis planning. This link will provide valuable information to help you. Visit: [www.ttac.org/power-of-proof/interp\\_data/index.html](http://www.ttac.org/power-of-proof/interp_data/index.html)

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### Conferences

📅 **REMINDER!** Environmental Influences on the Induction and Incidence of Asthma Workshop is scheduled for October 18-19, 2004 at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. For more information visit: [www.epa.gov/nheerl/asthma\\_workshop](http://www.epa.gov/nheerl/asthma_workshop).

### Information/Updates

📅 The next community conference call on October 6th has been canceled because it conflicts with the Joint Conference on Health. Our next call will be October 20.

📅 The Health Systems Resources (HSR) Program is a grant program which provides money or technical assistance for projects in Washington State which improve rural health systems or address health care provider shortages in rural or underserved urban areas. Information and all Letter of Interest Application materials can be found at [www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/HSR/HSRprogram.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/HSR/HSRprogram.htm). If you cannot access the web materials and would like materials to be sent to you please contact Robin Walker at (360) 236-2810, fax (360) 664-9273, or [robin.walker@doh.wa.gov](mailto:robin.walker@doh.wa.gov). Robin can also answer any questions regarding this program.

📅 National Health Education Week is celebrated the third week of October every year as a means to raise awareness of a specific health topic as well as the health education profession. This year, NCHE and SOPHE are excited to celebrate National Health Education Week during **October 18-24, 2004** with the theme: **Healthy Eating: Every Bite Counts!** Materials are available for download at [www.sophe.org](http://www.sophe.org) and at [www.nche.org/nche\\_news.asp](http://www.nche.org/nche_news.asp).

For more information please contact Jessica Blake at: [jblake@sophe.org](mailto:jblake@sophe.org).

📅 On October 12th, 2004, the WICHE Mental Health Program will hold one of several seminars on mental health. These training sessions will be held via web cast and the next one is titled: [Screening for depression and suicide](#).

If you are interested in attending this web cast, please email [Jenny Shaw](mailto:Jenny.Shaw). (Include your name, contact info, and email.)

📅 **REMINDER!** Walk to School Week is coming up on October 6th. Visit [www.iwalktoschool.org/award](http://www.iwalktoschool.org/award) for some great examples of ideas other groups have had for coordinating the event.